

My name is Jennifer Ryan and I live in Goshen, CT.

I write to testify against Governor Malloy's proposed budget cuts to DDS.

My daughter has both Williams Syndrome and autism. She has multiple health problems and is developmentally disabled. She is the light of my life. At the age of 5, it is clear she will require life-long support. The proposed budget cuts by the Governor will have a direct adverse impact on my daughter's life and her future.

The Governor's cuts were most severe to the most vulnerable population in Connecticut - to DDS. His cuts will undermine the needs of so many and cause extreme hardship for countless individuals and their families who require support in so many areas.

I kindly request the Appropriations committee stop the budget cuts to DDS.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Ryan (Elise's Mom)